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REMOVAL UNIT AND REMOVING METHOD FOR DIABETIC
COMPLICATION FACTORS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for
examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following paragraphs in the specification for corresponding
paragraphs previously presented. A copy of the amended specification paragraphs
showing current revisions is attached.

Page 1, before the first line, insert as a separate paragraph:

This application is the US national phase of international application

PCT/JP00/06172 filed 08 September 2000, which designated the US.

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